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File: USPT

Apr 18, 1995

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5408417 A

TITLE: Automated ticket sales and dispensing system

Application Filing Date (1):

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Detailed Description Text (13):

Certain ones of the events may have stored, a view of the stage or playing field which corresponds to the view as seen from the location of a seating area of a particular seat. This is accomplished by storing views of all venues as seen from each seating area on a CD ROM disc and indexing the appropriate picture with the seat area location in the venue.

Detailed Description Text (34):

At any time during the seat selection process, the customer can touch the VIEW block to see the actual view of the stage or field as would be seen from the selected general seating area. Touching the VIEW block initiates a search through the views stored in CD ROM to retrieve the appropriate picture corresponding to the selected seating area in the appropriate venue and display a view of the stage or field on the screen as seen from the selected seating area.

CLAIMS:

11. An automatic ticket sales and dispensing system according to claim 1 including;

chance data memory means operatively connected with said microprocessor having stored data representing chance events, such as raffles, lotteries, and off-track betting, along with the appropriate corresponding ticket prices and types of wagers and amounts for which tickets may be purchased;

said chance data memory means having stored data representing customers who have been pre-approved for wagering and have been issued a wager identification number;

one of said titles of main category of events displayed by said event selection program is representative of a "miscellaneous" category; and

upon the customer touching said touch sensitive screen at the title representative of the "miscellaneous" category one of the series of titles of the sub-categories retrieved and displayed is a title representing "chance events" which may be picked up at said console; and

upon the customer touching said touch sensitive screen at the desired title of the chance event, a signal is generated to cause said microprocessor control system to display an image of a numerical keypad and a message informing the customer that all chance events are cash only transactions along with a "YES" and "NO" confirmation symbol and a message asking the customer to confirm that the

transaction will be a cash only transaction by touching the appropriate confirmation symbol and then enter the assigned wager identification number by touching the number keys on the displayed keypad image;

upon the customer touching said touch sensitive screen at the "NO" confirmation symbol, a signal is generated to cause said microprocessor control system to return to said promotional display program; and

upon the customer touching said touch sensitive screen at the "YES" confirmation symbol and entering the assigned wager identification number, a signal is generated to cause said microprocessor control system to retrieve from said chance data memory means to verify the wager identification number and, if verified, to display a list of names of chance events for which tickets may be purchased along with a highlighted area on the monitor, a symbol for scrolling the list, a "selection" symbol, and a message instructing the customer to select the desired chance event by positioning the name in the highlighted area and then touching said touch sensitive screen at the "selection" symbol; and

upon the customer touching said touch sensitive screen at the "selection" symbol, a signal is generated to cause said microprocessor control system to search said chance data memory means and determine if the selected chance event is a fixed ticket price or a variable price wager event.

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File: USPT

Feb 19, 2002

Noraki

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6349194 B1

TITLE: Order receiving method and apparatus for making sound-accompanying photographs

Brief Summary Text (4):

Images photographed with various image acquiring devices are printed on printing paper by the silver salt photographic method, or on paper or film by using an ink jet printer, thermal printer or the like. Thus, over long years, information on ~~photographic~~ objects has been transmitted in the form of still images relying on the sense of sight across wide areas and in a timeless way. Recently, with the advent of the multimedia age, vigorous attempts have been made to use the sense of hearing in the transmission of information, instead of relying solely on the sense of sight. Olympus Optical Co., Ltd., which is one of the joint applicants in this application, also has proposed new media for providing not only visible but audible information in Japanese Patent Laying-Open Publication H6-231466 and Japanese Patent Laying-Open Publication H7-181606, for example. According to this technique, recording media include sound converted into optically readable dot codes (audio code images) which are printed along with pictures, photographs or characters on the same paper, the dot codes being read with a special scanner.

Detailed Description Text (13):

The layout editor 12 acts also as an order information recording device for recording, as order information, image information and audio information as associated with designated recording regions. The order information, including layout information, processed by the layout editor 12 as described above includes all information necessary to produce each sound-accompanying photograph. The order information is outputted from the order information output unit 26 in the form of an electronic file made by using a special page description language and usually stored on a MO, CD-R or the like. This is done for convenience of transmitting the information to an apparatus for making sound-accompanying photographs or an output service center or processing lab having such an apparatus. The order information output unit 26, of course, also prints out a voucher to be handed to the customer, and, as necessary, an order sheet to be passed to an actual sound-accompanying photograph processing site. Thus, the order information output unit 26 should be understood as a collective term for an electronic file generating device and a printer.

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File: USPT

Feb 9, 1999

Oberg

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5870771 A

TITLE: Computerized system for selecting, adjusting, and previewing framing product combinations for artwork and other items to be framed

Detailed Description Text (2):

Referring now to FIG. 1, the hardware required in the present invention is shown in block diagram form to represent the various components that may be connected to meet the user's requirements. Means for providing input into the system 20 are shown connected to a microprocessor 22 and may include such items as a keyboard, mouse, touch screen, data file, a voice recognition system, a digital image generator such as a digital camera, and any other peripheral devices capable of providing input to a microprocessor. The microprocessor 22 is also connected to one or more output means 24 which may include a visual display monitor, a modem, a facsimile machine, a printer, a magnetic storage device, a system that generates audible sounds for requesting input or otherwise sending a signal to the user, including voice signals, a video cassette recorder, television, and any other peripheral devices capable of accepting data output from the computer, prompting the user for input, displaying computer generated images and data, transmitting data, and/or storing computer generated images and data. Software 26 for controlling the input means 20 and the output means 24, for image processing and analysis, for database retrieval and storage, and for inventory and accounting functions is loaded into memory in the microprocessor. The instructions contained in the software 26 are executed by the microprocessor 22. The present invention also includes storage means 28 connected to the microprocessor 22 for storing images of frame mouldings and matting material in digital format that may be processed by the software 26 and combined with images of artwork supplied by the user. Many frame mouldings and matting materials are comprised of repeating patterns or designs around the edges while some frames and matting material do not have a pattern associated with them. The present invention makes efficient use of the storage means 28 by storing only one full pattern, or just a small segment of digital images of frame mouldings and matting material, and then using processing means in the software 26 to calculate the number of segments that must be pieced together to surround the periphery of the artwork. This implementation can be used whether the frame selected is a ready-made or photo frame with fixed dimensions, or custom-sized. If the frame is ready-made, the software is limited in the number of segments it can piece together on each side. This gives the customer a wide range of choices of frame mouldings and matting material, while maximizing the number of images that may be stored. Other merchandising information pertaining to the frame mouldings and matting material may also be stored such as colors and designs available, material identification numbers, size, material type, supplier source, prices, manufacturers, model numbers and whether the item is available in inventory. In an alternative embodiment, images of artwork may be stored in the system and retrieved by the customer. This would be convenient in situations where a customer wants to buy the artwork and have it custom-framed by the store.

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Feb 19, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6349194

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6349194 B1

TITLE: Order receiving method and apparatus for making sound-accompanying photographs

DATE-ISSUED: February 19, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 09/304889 [PALM]

DATE FILED: May 4, 1999

FOREIGN-APPL-PRIORITY-DATA:

COUNTRY	APPL-NO	APPL-DATE
JP	10-159612	June 8, 1998

INT-CL-ISSUED: [07] G09 B 5/00

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US-CL-CURRENT: 434/308; 434/309

FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 434/308, 434/309, 434/311, 434/314-320, 700/87, 700/94, 700/215, 700/216, 700/221, 700/224-227, 700/236, 705/27, 708/172, 40/124.03, 40/457, 40/717, 396/312

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ART-UNIT: 3713

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Rovnak; John Edmund

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Fulbright & Jaworski LLP

ABSTRACT:

An order receiving apparatus (1) for making sound-accompanying photographs having, recorded thereon, image information, and audio information converted into code images to be optically readable. This apparatus includes an audio input unit (22) for receiving audio information from a customer, an image input unit (23) for receiving image information, a layout editor (12) for designating recording regions on a sound-accompanying photograph to be made, to record the image information and audio information, and an order information output unit (26) for outputting the image information and audio information as order information and as linked to the recording regions designated.

16 Claims, 13 Drawing figures

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Feb 9, 1999

US-PAT-NO: [5870771](#)

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5870771 A

TITLE: Computerized system for selecting, adjusting, and previewing framing product combinations for artwork and other items to be framed

DATE-ISSUED: February 9, 1999

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 08/749418 [\[PALM\]](#)

DATE FILED: November 15, 1996

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FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 707/517, 707/502, 707/527, 345/962, 345/964, 345/968

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ART-UNIT: 271

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Black; Thomas G.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Loomis; John C.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Haverstock, Garrett & Roberts

ABSTRACT:

A computerized system having means for displaying a digital image of an object such as an object of artwork supplied by the user, analyzing the color composition of the image, searching a database for coordinating frame and matting material products, developing composite images of the user's input with the matching selections, and presenting the digital images to the user so the items may be previewed before placing an order. The system interfaces with a mobile digital camera system for taking digital pictures of input supplied by the customer. The image may be cropped or otherwise altered and combined with the selected frame moulding and matting material combinations. The user may experiment with various features such as color, shape, size, width, number of openings, and other characteristics of frames and matting material until the desired combination is achieved. The system also includes a database of merchandising information such as products and materials, colors and designs available, model numbers, size, material type, cost, and supplier source. The system is capable of generating a printout of the composite image and associated data, and of storing the data for later use.

33 Claims, 6 Drawing figures

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Jul 8, 2003

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TITLE: Multi-modal traveler information system

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TITLE: Integrated proxy interface for web based alarm management tools

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TITLE: Automated ticket sales and dispensing system

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Apr 2, 1991

US-PAT-NO: 5004392

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5004392 A

TITLE: Device for emptying containers, especially refuse bins

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Jul 17, 1990

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TITLE: Sheet handling mechanism

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File: USPT

Apr 4, 1989

US-PAT-NO: 4818854

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TITLE: Ticket vending machine

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Apr 4, 1989

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TITLE: Ticket vending machine

Application Filing Date (1):
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Detailed Description Text (24):

For this purpose, we preferably provide a ticket-detector D-1 on bin B (on back-wall B-2 thereof, see FIGS. 6, 7, 7A, 9A disposed between legs Td-e, FIG. 7A, and between legs fp-L, FIG. 9A). Detector D-1 may comprise an IR cell, or the like, of known construction adapted to project a radiation beam toward opposing bin wall B-1 whose associated inner surface may be treated (black, matte) to make it "low reflectivity", while tickets TK are relatively "light" and exhibit high reflectivity. Unit D-1 also senses the so-reflected beam and applies a detect-signal output (S-3, FIG. 11) as known in the art, to machine controls, indicating "tickets-in-bin". Thus, when at least one ticket TK intercepts the detect-beam the associated photo-sensor output will be driven "high" (S-3) to present a "bin-not-empty" signal to machine AT, triggering a "dump" command.

Detailed Description Text (44):

As mentioned, at least one ticket printer TP is also provided and connected for appropriate control, with input/output signals to/from computer PC (e.g., one preferred ticket printer is the "Blue Max" by DSI Co.). Similarly, a log printer LP is preferably provided and connected to be controlled by computer PC, this printer generating a chronology of events such as the name and other identification of each accessing customer, his credit information, the itinerary he requests, indicia of the tickets printed and issued to him, and also an indication as to whether any such tickets were "dumped" into receiving pocket RP, etc., whether the customer signalled that he withdrew all his tickets and that they were satisfactory, etc. Such a log may, of course, be usefully kept with machine AT to check on transactions conducted. It may also serve as a double check on similar signals provided to a remote control station. Also, service personnel may inspect the log to discover, or verify, malfunction conditions, to verify the contents of pocket RP, etc., as known in the art. Further, where desired, a copy of this log may also be presented to the customer (this option is not indicated in this embodiment however).

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TITLE: Ticket vending machine

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INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 06/939595 [\[PALM\]](#)

DATE FILED: December 8, 1986

INT-CL-ISSUED: [04] G07F 7/02

US-CL-ISSUED: 235/381; 235/384, 221/2, 221/222

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ART-UNIT: 214

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Pellinen; A. D.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Williams; H. L.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: McCormack; John J. Peterson; Kevin R.

ABSTRACT:

An automatic ticket handling machine AT adapted for use as a ticket vending station, presenting a display screen D, a telephone receiver-speaker unit TEL and a credit card reader unit CR, etc.

Within machine AT is a sheet handling mechanism adapted to receive processed tickets (from a printer) in a "holding bin" secured within the machine which can either "dump" them or be shifted to present them to a user automatically when the user raises the access door of machine AT.

16 Claims, 23 Drawing figures

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Apr 18, 1995

US-PAT-NO: 5408417

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TITLE: Automated ticket sales and dispensing system

DATE-ISSUED: April 18, 1995

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 08/271213 [\[PALM\]](#)

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PARENT-CASE:

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ART-UNIT: 236

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Gordon; Paul P.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Tousi; Cameron H.

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ABSTRACT:

An automated ticket sales and dispensing system is customer operated to provide tickets for various entertainment events, travel, and other products and services such as lottery tickets, gift certificates, raffle tickets, moneygrams, and in some areas, off-track betting without the aid of an employee. The system includes a terminal which has a monitor with an interactive touch-sensitive display screen which will show the customer a view of the stage or field as seen from the seating area of the seats which have been selected prior to the purchase with the ability to accept or select another seat. The system is menu driven and allows a customer to select and purchase tickets by touching the screen in response to messages displayed on the screen. Verbal messages in one or more languages may be given along with visual messages. The system will accept payment in the form of cash, credit cards, bank debit cards, and local personal checks. A video cassette player in the terminal continuously shows upcoming events and attractions in the area and advertising for local clubs and restaurants during periods when no transactions are being made. The terminal may be placed at various convenient locations and is operational around the clock for the convenience of ticket purchasers.

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